

RECOGNIZING THE BOROUGH OF  
HIGH BRIDGE AND THE HIGH  
BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON  
THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Borough of High Bridge on their 100th anniversary. A Borough rich in history and deep in tradition, High Bridge is deserving of many well wishes as they celebrate this special event.

While the Borough will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year, the community surrounding the original forge has existed for nearly 300 years. High Bridge was named for a 1,300 foot long bridge originally constructed in the early 1800's. While the bridge was deemed too costly to maintain and was subsequently filled in with an embankment, the citizens have continued to prosper throughout its history. Originally only a farming community, High Bridge has developed into a community of many facets.

Also on this day, we celebrate the centennial of the High Bridge Fire Department and its Fire Chief, Jeffrey Smith. The department has served the High Bridge Community for 100 years, providing it with dedicated service and excellent protection. Every morning, these individuals wake up and put their lives on the line in order to protect the community. I applaud each and every one of them for their efforts.

High Bridge's excellent school system was founded in 1925 and has continued to function as one of the finest in the state. Dating back to the revolutionary times, the beautiful landscape and homes of High Bridge have survived difficult times much like its citizens. It is for this determination and success that I commend the borough and offer my warmest congratulations on this momentous occasion. Congratulations to Mayor Alfred Schweikert III and the Borough Council on this special day.

TRIBUTE TO GLEN TANNER AND  
JACK PORTER

**HON. STEPHEN E. BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 1998*

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to two outstanding Hoosiers, Mr. Glenn Tanner and Mr. Jack Porter, whose exemplary foresight and perseverance have proven invaluable to Indiana.

During the early 1980s, Glenn Tanner and Jack Porter realized the value of a divided, four-lane highway running east-west through North Central Indiana. They created a committee for the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce to study the economic impact of improved transportation in the area. As a result of this effort, communities along the proposed corridor joined together to promote the importance of an improved highway system. Today, the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor Inc. is comprised of concerned citizens, businesses, and governmental officials promoting a four-lane highway from Fort Wayne to Lafay-

ette along the routes of US 24 and Indiana State Road 25.

Many towns, including several industrial communities, will greatly benefit from an easily accessible connection to our nation's interstate system. In fact, it has been determined that for every \$1 spent on the construction of the corridor \$3.50 will be created in the communities along the corridor.

It is reassuring to know how two individuals can have the foresight to see a need greater than themselves, act upon it, and lead it to a reality. Their efforts on behalf of the corridor are an example of what America is at heart. As President Lincoln said during his Gettysburg Address, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

The Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor has been designated as a part of the National Highway System and a High Priority Corridor by Congress. The naming of the two bridges in Lewisburg along the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor is most appropriate for these two gentlemen.

Mr. Tanner and Mr. Porter have brought honor and distinction to their efforts for their continued interest and dedication to ensure that the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor becomes a reality. They truly are an inspiration to the American dream.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 1998*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow should be the day. This is the day that supporters of campaign finance reform have been promised for over a year. Tomorrow the House of Representatives will begin debate and a vote on campaign finance reform. I applaud the leadership for finally allowing a discussion of this important issue.

As we begin debate tomorrow we will have eleven substitute amendments made in order. Each of those amendments offers a wide variety of ideas on how we shape our campaign finance system. I am encouraged by the diversity of proposals we will consider. The process will allow the public to see who supports campaign finance reform and who does not.

Ultimately this debate comes down to the question; Do you believe that there is too much money in the political process? Those members of Congress who support big money will oppose campaign finance reform, and support those bills that claim to be reform but are not. My constituents have told me repeatedly that they are tired of the amount of money being spent on campaigns and they want Congress to do something to fix the system. Tomorrow I will take a stand in support of campaign finance reform, I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN  
INTEGRITY ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 22, 1998*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2183) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Chairman, literally, money talks and when it speaks it practically drowns out all other political discourse. Money has distorted, corrupted and perverted our political system.

It's time to get back to the basics of democracy. We are past the time for half way and half hearted patches on the system. Belief that disclosure alone will remedy the problem is like believing in the tooth fairy. Solving the problem by just regulating "soft money" is about as likely to happen as expecting pigs to fly.

I believe that the basic principles of campaign reform are these:

1. Seriously take some of the money out of the equation.
2. Provide some public financing for all federal campaigns.
3. Set a limit on federal candidates use of personal funds.
4. Provide voters with enough unfiltered information to make informed choices. Open up T.V., radio and other media for discussion of the issues by the candidates.
5. Shorten the election cycle.
6. Create a truly independent regulatory agency to monitor and make public the spending of campaign monies.
7. Require paid lobbyists to publicly report who and when they lobby.
8. Create universal voter registration. Encourage experimentation with mail and electronic ballots and multiple day elections.
9. Require full disclosure of all independent expenditures.

The fact that many Americans indicate that they have lost confidence in the functioning of our democratic elections and that many do not vote should be both a warning and a summons for us to act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we take heed.

IN HONOR OF THE MEDAL OF  
HONOR RECIPIENTS WILLIAM E.  
BARBER, WALTER D. EHLERS,  
KENNETH A. WALSH, CLARENCE  
B. CRAFT, JOHN P. BACA, NEL-  
SON M. HOLDERMAN, CHRIS  
CARR, DONALD A. GARY—OR-  
ANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to the following men who are being commemorated with memorial plaques on May 30 at the Civic Center "Walk of Honor" in